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COLD-CATHODE TUBE LIGHTING DEVICE
FOR USE IN A PLURALITY OF COLD-
CATHODE TUBES LIT BY ONE LOW-
IMPEDANCE POWER SOURCE

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of which is described and claimed in (if the following box is not checked, the specification of which is attached hereto):

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